

Washington, D.C. – Rep. John Hall (NY-19) applauded Orange County government officials for using a portion of a \$3.5 million Department of Energy stimulus grant for energy conservation in the county.

Orange County officials announced \$430,000 will be applied to 14 projects in local municipalities and \$60,000 will be available for energy audits for each municipal hall in the county.

“Stimulus funding continues to positively impact the Hudson Valley by creating jobs and keeping our communities going,” said Rep. Hall. “Our region should be a leader in developing and using clean energy and other new technology. This grant ensures our local facilities are able to serve the public for years to come.”

“This is a great opportunity and we appreciate Congressman Hall’s support in making this possible,” said Warwick Town Supervisor Michael Sweeton. “Without this funding the important things that we need to get done would not be accomplished.”

The Recovery Act has created or saved over 3 million jobs nationwide, including nearly 200,000 jobs in New York. The latest quarterly report from the Council on Economic Advisers also shows that the economy is on track to create an additional 500,000 jobs by the end of the year.

Thanks to the public-private partnerships included in the Recovery Act, for every dollar spent on renewable energy and other projects, the private sector is spending \$3.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act cut taxes for 98% of working Americans, offered tax cuts and loans to millions of small businesses, extended unemployment and COBRA health benefits for those looking for work, and started to lay a new foundation for our economy with key investments in high speed rail, clean and efficient energy, high-speed broadband and wireless communications, and electronic medical records.

The \$430,000 will be applied to projects in the Village of Goshen, towns of Minisink, Wallkill, Cornwall, New Windsor, Warwick, the cities of Middletown and Port Jervis, school districts in Middletown, Warwick, Newburgh and Pine Bush, as well as for the Greenburgh/North Salem School District, which is going to reopen and operate the McQuade School in New Windsor, and Orange-Ulster BOCES.

In addition to the Recovery Act, Congressman Hall supported the Jobs for Main Street Act and the HIRE Act. These bills included critical investments in small businesses, state infrastructure projects such as school construction, and support for job training programs and keeping police and firefighters on the street and teachers in classrooms.